



## **Veterans' Affairs Committee**

Wednesday, March 10, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor and Council Chambers

City Hall, 255 W. Alameda, Tucson, Arizona

### **Legal Action Report**

#### **1. Call to Order/Establish a Quorum**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Ross at 7:00 p.m. Those present and absent were:

##### **Present:**

Ernest Minchella  
Cathi Starr  
Teri Davis  
William Stein  
Roger Smith  
Norman Ross  
Vern Pall  
Paul Marsh  
Saul Stoltz  
Wendell Hague  
Daniel Ross

##### **Representing:**

American Legion Post 36  
AZ Dept. of Veterans' Services  
Assoc. of Vietnam Veterans of America  
DAV Auxiliary Cactus 2  
DAV Cactus Chapter 2  
Korean War Veterans' Association  
Military Officers Association of America  
Tucson Veterans Cemetery Group  
Tucson Jewish War Veterans Post 201  
VFW Post 549  
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 106

##### **Absent:**

Abel Moreno  
Ferdinando Leon Jr.  
Herbert Rogers

American Legion Post 7  
Marine Corps League, Marana Night Hawk 72  
Spanish Trail Chapter NCOA

##### **Staff Members Present:**

Joyce Roddewig

City Clerk's Office, Recording Secretary

##### **Others Present:**

Dan Morelos  
Dee Brunner  
Jeff Brunner  
Pepe Mendoza  
Anne Skelley  
Jane Pall

Tucson Airport Authority  
Tucson Airport Authority  
Spouse and Volunteer  
So. AZ VA Health Care System  
Guest  
Spouse and Volunteer

#### **2. Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **3. Invocation**

#### **4. Introduction of Guests**

Guests were introduced to the committee.

**5. Approval of New Members**

It was moved by Ernest Minchella, duly seconded and carried by a voice vote of 11 to 0 to approve the reappointment of Wendell Hague representing VFW Post 549 to the committee.

It was moved by Daniel Ross, duly seconded and carried by a voice vote of 11 to 0 to approve Terry Byron representing Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 106 as a new member.

**6. Chairman's Report on Current Events: For the Good of the Order**

Chairman Ross reminded the committee of the groundbreaking ceremony March 19, 2010, for the new Arizona Veterans Home to be located on the Veterans Hospital Campus.

**7. Discussion / Action Regarding a Commemorative Plaque for the Four Chaplains**

Update given by Chairman Ross and discussion was held.

**8. Discussion / Action Regarding the Korean War Commemoration**

Update given by Chairman Ross and discussion was held.

**9. Discussion / Action Regarding a Proposed Change to the Committee By-Laws**

Chairman Ross read the proposed amendment to Section 6.5 of the Veterans' Affairs Committee by-laws to the committee. A vote on the change would be held at the April 14, 2010 meeting.

**10. Consideration / Action Regarding Committee Meeting Start Time and Delivery of Meeting Materials**

It was moved by Cathi Starr, duly seconded and carried by a voice vote of 11 to 0 to change the committee meeting start time to 6:00 p.m. beginning with the April 14, 2010 meeting.

A motion to deliver meeting materials by e-mail was tabled until the meeting of April 14, 2010 to allow time to conduct a test.

**11. Consideration / Action Regarding an Open Meeting Law Presentation**

It was moved by Teri Davis, duly seconded and carried by a voice vote of 11 to 0 to have the City Clerk's Office schedule an Open Meeting Law Presentation at a future committee meeting.

**12. Committee Reports – Discussion/Action**

**a. Airport Military Lounge**

Report given by Dee Brunner and discussion regarding updating the lounge area was held.

**b. Arizona Department of Veterans' Services**

Report given by Cathi Starr including a warning regarding businesses charging veterans for benefit services that the state does at no charge.

**c. VA Hospital**

Pepe Mendoza distributed informational flyers and spoke about the success and media coverage for the Four Chaplains Ceremony held in February 2010.

**d. Arizona DES Employment Administration Veterans' Employment Services**

No report given.

**LEGAL ACTION REPORT**  
**Veterans' Affairs Committee**  
**March 10, 2010**  
**Page 3**

**e. Tucson Veterans Cemetery**

Paul Marsh reported on a recent meeting with state and local officials to view property for the proposed Veterans Cemetery.

**f. Financial Report**

Wendell Hague presented the committee's financial report through February 28, 2010. It was moved by Bill Stein, duly seconded and passed by a voice vote of 11 to 0 to accept the report as presented.

**13. Future Agenda Items**

**14. Salute to Colors**

**15. Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.